

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Naoyuki KATAYAMA *et al.*
Title: **METHOD FOR PREPARING LANGERHANS CELL FROM HUMAN
PERIPHERAL-BLOOD MONONUCLEAR CELL, i.e., CD14-POSITIVE CELL,
USING NOTCH LIGAND DELTA-1, GM-CSF AND TGF- β (*As Amended*)**
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the non-final Office Action dated April 16, 2008, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicants elect the subject matter of Group I, claims 1-13 and 25-28 (claim 12 and 13 presently cancelled), drawn to a method for preparing a Langerhans cell by culturing a human peripheral blood mononuclear cell with Notch ligand, GM-CSF, and TGF-beta. Further, applicant elects species (f) suppression of cancers.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this document.